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SUBJECT: UN PRESS SPOKESMAN'S COMMENTS ON UN ACTIVITIES IN VIETNAM

1. AT DAILY PRESS BRIEFING UN PRESS SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDP CURRENTLY CONDUCTING 57 PROJECTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM, VALUED AT 10.35 MILLION DOLLARS. COOPERATING IN THE PROJECTS ARE SOME 70 PERSONNEL FROM UNDP, UN OFFICE OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION, ITU, UPU, ILO, FAO, UNIDO, UNESCO, WHO AND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND.

2. UN SPOKESMAN CONTINUED THAT UNICEF HAS COMMENCED MOVING SOME 8,500,000 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF EMERGENCY SUPPLIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND MOTHERS FLEEING COMMUNIST ADVANCE

. UNICEF HELP IS BEING COORDINATED IN THE COUNTRY WITH THE WORK OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL RELIEF AGENCIES. FIRST UNICEF SUPPLIES WILL BE AIRLIFTED TO SAIGON THIS WEEK FROM UNICEF PACKING CENTER IN COPENHAGEN. "THE REST WILL FOLLOW AS QUICKLY AS THEY ARE PROCURED AND TRANSPORTED," THE UN SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO BE SHIPPED ARE 200,000 METERS OF TARPULIN FOR SHELTER OF DISPLACED FAMILIES, TENTS, BLANKETS AND A WIDE RANGE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES WHICH THE VIETNAMESE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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REQUIRES TO SET UP HEALTH STATIONS IN AREAS WHERE CIVILIAN

REFUGEES WILL BE CONCENTRATED. THIS EMERGENCY PROGRAM IS IN ADDITION TO THE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRAM OF REHABILITATION AND RELIEF THAT UNICEF CONDUCTS THROUGHOUT THE INDOCHINA PENINSULA.

3. THE UN SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF REFUGEES IS ALSO ASSISTING REFUGEES IN NORTH VIETNAM WORKING IN AGRICULTURAL AND SMALL-SCALE INDUSTRIES, AND THAT FURTHER ASSISTANCE IS BEING PROVIDED IN AGRICULTURE AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY IN AREAS CONTROLLED BY THE VIET CONG. THE PROGRAM IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM IS GEARED TO AID THE OVERALL GOVERNMENT EFFORT IN REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT OF DISPLACED PERSONS.
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